

CURRICULUM

Faculty Advisers

Each student arranges his plan of study with the help of a Faculty Adviser of his own choice. The College has no required courses, but the student is advised to choose a balanced program before concentrating in a special field. The progress of each student is discussed periodically by the entire Faculty. Although records are kept for reference and possible transfer of credit, no academic grades are given to the students.

Junior and Senior Division

All students enter the Junior Division. The courses taken intend to increase the student's knowledge and clarify the direction of his interest. When the student is ready to specialize, he prepares a plan of study in his field, with the collaboration of his adviser. Entrance into the Senior Division is dependent upon Faculty approval of this plan and his written and oral examinations which test his powers of observation and reflection and his knowledge in four general fields, namely, Social Studies, Language and Literature, the Arts, and Science. The student is also expected to have learned to work by himself and to assume responsibility in the community.

Graduation

When a student has completed his plan of study, he asks to be examined for graduation. If the Faculty find the student's work satisfactory, they invite an outside examiner to the College. The examiner usually requires seven three-hour papers covering the student's field of study. These are followed by oral examination. One of the papers concerned with a special problem may be presented in thesis form. In the arts, exhibitions or performances may take the place of some of these papers. Graduation is decided upon by the Faculty. The decision is based upon the report of the examiner and the student's entire record.

The work demanded for graduation is equivalent to that required for a Bachelor of Arts degree at colleges and universities of long established standing. Black Mountain College confers a Certificate of Graduation; its graduates have been admitted to outstanding graduate schools. The following have examined for the College in recent years:

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